

ELIMINATION OF LAMOND GRADE CROSSING AND EXTENSION OF VAN BUREN STREET

FEBRUARY 3, 1925.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ZIHLMAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 12001]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12001) to provide for the elimination of Lamond grade crossing, in the District of Columbia, and for the extension of Van Buren Street, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with the recommendation that it do pass.

Early in the session the District Commissioners transmitted to Congress a bill to provide for the elimination of grade crossings in the District of Columbia and authorizing the appropriation of \$203,000 for this purpose.

Among the grade crossings to be eliminated was the Lamond crossing at Van Buren Street, which was regarded as the most dangerous grade crossing in the District of Columbia, is a standing menace to life and limb and which has been the scene of a number of ghastly accidents in recent years.

Your committee therefore feels that this overhead crossing should be closed and the work of constructing a subway should begin at the earliest possible moment. The land necessary for the subway has already been acquired by dedication and the proposed construction will not require the purchase or condemnation of any land.

There is appended hereto and made a part of this report a letter from Lieut. Col. J. Franklin Bell, Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, approving the passage of the bill and stating that it is estimated that the proposed subway will cost \$71,500.

JANUARY 30, 1925.

HON. STUART F. REED,
*Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR CONGRESSMAN REED: There was introduced in the House of Representatives on January 28 a bill known as H. R. 12001, to provide for the elimination of Lamond grade crossing in the District of Columbia, and for the extension of Van Buren Street. The proposed bill contains an estimate of \$71,500 and the statement that no part of this amount may be used for the acquisition of land. The figure quoted is the estimate of cost prepared in my office.

For the information of the District Committee I wish to inform you that the proposed construction will not require the purchase or condemnation of any land.

The restriction mentioned will not, therefore, either meet with any objection on the part of the commissioners or interfere with the prosecution of the work authorized by the bill.

The proposed elimination of the Lamond grade crossing has already received the favorable recommendation of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Very sincerely yours,

J. F. BELL,

*Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, United States Army,
Engineer Commissioner, District of Columbia.*

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